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## Early History of the Fire Department.

On the 20th September, 1850, the Common Council adopted a Resolution providing for the purchase of the Howard Engine.

A communication was received at the same meeting from F. D. Kohler, resigning the Chief Engineership of the San Francisco Fire Department. The annexed letter from Messrs. Dunbar and Gibbs, was also received and referred to the Fire and Water Committees:

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17, 1850.  
Moses G. LEONARD, Esq.,  
Chairman of Committee on Fire and water.  
Dear Sir—We have a Fire Engine and three hundred feet of new hose, which we offer to the City at a fair valuation. It is in perfect order, and if the city should wish to try it before purchasing, it is at their service. It was one of the New York fire-engines, we believe, No. 6.  
We are respectfully,  
Your obedient serv't,  
DUNBAR & CO.

A communication from W. G. Middleton, offering to sell fire-apparatus to the city, was received and referred to the Fire and Water Committee, and is as follows:

TO THE HON. MAYOR, and Aldermen of the City of San Francisco.

Gentlemen.—I have now in the hands of Messrs Winter & Latimer, merchants of this city, a first class forcing suction engine, in good order, very easily handled, particularly for a new city like this, and now ready for immediate use. Also, a strong and handy hose carriage on which there is six hundred and twenty-five feet of copper riveted hose, (all new,) with durable brass screws, and all necessary appurtenances for such apparatus included.

I propose to your honorable body, to dispose of the same to the Corporation, for the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars cash; On examination or trial of this apparatus, made by such persons as your Honorable body may deem advisable to appoint, I feel satisfied would result favorable as regards the strength and competency of the same for service, when called into requisition.

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. G. MIDDLETON.

San Francisco, Sept. 20th, 1850.

The receipt of the following letter from Messrs Howard and Green, hastened the purchase of the Howard engine, as noticed above:

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12th, 1850.  
JOHN W. GRAY, Esq., Mayor of the City of San Francisco.

Sir—We are anxiously waiting your answer as to the purchase of the Howard No. 1 engine, as we have to remove it from its present location on to-morrow; in case you decline to purchase it for the city. We have some idea of shipping it to Sacramento city or Stockton for sale. We are of an opinion that at the price we have offered it, there cannot be any reasonable objection. Please let us know decidedly about it to-morrow.

Yours truly,  
HOWARD & GREEN.

P. S.—We believe we handed you a full inventory, which we beg leave to refer you to.

On the 27th September, a communication was received from a meeting of fire companies, held at the St. Francis Hotel, objecting to the late election of Engineers, and on motion it was

Resolved.—That the resolutions of the Fire Department, asking a new election for Chief Engineer and two Assistant Engineers, be referred to a joint special committee of three members from each Board, and that said committee be instructed to report at the next meeting.

On the 4th October, the resignation of J. McCarthy as Chief Engineer of the San Francisco Fire Department was received and accepted.

On the 11th October, a petition from Protection Fire Engine Company, No. 2, relative to requirements of the same, was received and referred to the Fire and Water Committee.

On the same day, the following communication from Monumental Fire Company, was discussed, and the independent organization was reported against.

TO THE HON. MAYOR and Aldermen of the city of San Francisco.  
Gentlemen.—The undersigned, citizens of this city being desirous of forming a company of firemen, having for its object the protection of property of the community at large against loss by fire, most respectfully offer our services in the capacity of Firemen, pledging ourselves to perform the duties appertaining to sincere and true Firemen, and ask of your Honorable body the usual facilities given to other Companies, by ordinances or enactments heretofore passed, and now on file in the proper office of the Corporation.

We would also most respectfully state that the office of Chief Engineer might be made an office of honor, instead of profit, requiring the head, or his assistants of each company, to attend to the management of their own companies, subject in all cases to such laws as your Honorable body may deem advisable to enact. To this end we ask your fair and deliberate consideration, and in duty bound will ever pray.

We also respectfully state that we desire to be separately or distinctly organized, owing to the apparatus we have been accustomed to in the States being of much different construction, than those now in use in this city; all of which can be duly imparted to the committee to whom this memorial may be referred.

(Signed)

Ron John Wethered. Wm R Dalrymple, Wm H Dyer, James E Reese, Oliver Meredith, George H Hoesfross, Gabriel Winter, William Hope, Wm H Hoberg, Joseph H Raddach, Wm G Middleton, James S Wethered, G S Oldfield, Joseph E Dall, Thomas S Austin, Henry C Jarrett, Joseph A Smith, Henry E Griffith, William Cook, William N Hogg, Samuel A Sloan, A B Barrett, John R Dall, C Shultz,

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The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to present this memorial to the Mayor and Aldermen this evening.  
John Wethered, Geo. H. Hoesfross, J. E. Dall, James E. Reese and Wm Harper.

WILLIAM DIVIER, President.

W. F. McLEAN, Secretary.

On the 18th of October, a communication was presented from Knickerbocker Engine Company No. 5, with their Constitution and By-Laws, and the following resolution passed.

Resolved.—That the Committee on Fire and Water be empowered to furnish Engine Company No. 5, with a fire engine and necessary apparatus. To the Honorable Common Council of the City of San Francisco:—

Gentlemen.—We, your petitioners, the members of Knickerbocker Engine Company No. 5, respectfully present to your Honorable Body, that we have formed a company under the constitution herewith submitted, and in compliance with the specifications of an Act of your Honorable Body, relative to the Fire Department, passed in January 1850; and would humbly pray to be admitted into the Fire Department of the city, and be furnished with an engine and necessary apparatus. And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

(Signed.)  
George F. Weller, James Y. Simmons, John Wilson, Edward H. Parker, A. Skillman, William C. Martin, Henry J. Dart, H. S. Marks, Frank Mallott, J. H. Phinney, Henry Reed, Timothy Whittemore, Charles H. Vail, Florence Mahony, James S. Gamble.

Charles E. Buckingham, A. A. Solover, John Wilson, Edward H. Parker, Joseph F. Spinnery, John A. De Groot, R. R. Harris, A. Bugbee, John A. Clark, Charles D. Carter, Alexander Kinnam, H. Chaffee, John Lay, James S. Gamble.

On the 21st of October, at a meeting of the Common Council, the following resolution was moved and adopted.

Resolved.—That the Chief Engineer be authorized to take possession of the vacant lot belonging to the city in the rear adjacent to the City Hall, and that he be permitted to construct such a building, under the direction of the Committee on Fire and Water, as will provide the requisite accommodation to repair the fire apparatus.

On the same day a message was received from the Mayor, announcing the election of Engineer and Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department.

On the 26th October, the following was received and referred to the Committee on Fire and Water.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25, 1850.

To the Honorable the Mayor, Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen of the City of San Francisco.

Gentlemen.—The undersigned, citizens of San Francisco, your petitioners, having organized themselves for a Fire Company, beg leave to tender their services to your honorable body for that purpose, and would respectfully pray that you grant them the use of a fire engine, with suitable apparatus, and a place for depositing the same somewhere in the vicinity of the Plaza.

The undersigned pledge themselves to your honorable body, to increase their number of men (if thought necessary) to any amount that may be deemed advisable to make a full, strong and efficient Fire Corps. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed)  
Thomas H Douglas, Jacob B Blanchard, Jacob E Fuller, Stephen H Corvett, James Cook, D B Merritt, Peter McClain, A P Gaylor, G S Reed, W H Hudson, John Gould, H M Curtis, Thomas P Valles, Henry T Fanning, John Scott, Stephen D Winship, George Paddock, John Hendley, Thomas B Paddock, Thomas D Winants, W W Henry, Edward Barry, Aug. Larrentree, E M Stuart, Robert Burns.

On the 28th of October, the report of F. D. Kohler, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department was received and referred to the Fire and Water Committee.

On the 20th of December, Knickerbocker 5 sent in the annexed:

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of San Francisco.  
Gentlemen.—The undersigned, on behalf of Knickerbocker Engine Company, No. 5, would respectfully represent to your honorable body, that the said Company have been organized and doing duty as Firemen of this City, and in consequence of their not having an engine house, for their engine and apparatus, also to hold their meetings, they are put to great and serious inconvenience and their efficiency as a company much retarded. Your petitioners would therefore respectfully request your honorable body to authorize the Chief Engineer to lease a lot, and build a house for said Company, also to provide him with the funds to defray the expenses so incurred.

And your petitioners would ever pray.

James H. Cutler, Foreman.

Behalf of Knickerbocker, Co. No. 5.

San Francisco, Dec. 16, 1850.

On the 30th of December, the Fire and Water Committee reported as follows on the above petition:

The Committee on Fire and Water report favorably on the above petition, and authorize the Chief Engineer to ascertain on what terms a

suitable house and lot can be procured, and report to this Board, on Friday evening next.  
Dec. 30, 1850.  
JOHN P. VAN NESS,  
GEORGE W. GREEN.

[With the action of the Fire and Water Committee, on the petition of No. 5, closes the official action of the Common Council, on all matters appertaining to the Fire Department, from its first organization to the 1st of January, 1851. To Mr. William H. Stevens, Clerk of the Common Council, we tender our acknowledgements, for placing at our disposal information of so interesting and valuable a nature to the Fire Department, as its early history.]—En.

Charleston, South Carolina.

The Fire Department, of Charleston, South Carolina, consists of ten volunteer companies manned by citizens of the place, who are paid for their labor. The whole department is under the control of a Chief Engineer, three Assistant Engineers, and a Board of Fire Masters, the latter having the appointing power of the first need. The Fire masters are required as often as they shall deem necessary to work the apparatus, to enroll persons for that purpose, if a white man receives fifty cents, if a slave, or a free person of color, twenty-five cents. If a person refuses to obey the Fire Masters and work upon an engine when ordered at a fire, they are subject to arrest and a fine not less than five dollars or more than fifty for each offence. A fine of fifty dollars is also enforced against persons riding through streets where a fire is raging, or across the hose. The Fire Masters have full supervision and management of the engines, and companies, and all persons during a fire, and all are compelled to obey their orders, or render themselves liable to a heavy fine, which is rigidly enforced in every case. All applications for admission of new companies into the department, are made to the Board of Fire Masters. A reward or premium of twenty-five dollars is given to the first incorporated company, and another premium or reward of fifteen dollars is given to the first city engine, that arrives at a fire first, reports to the Chief, and is prepared for work, throwing first water on the fire.

Five of the volunteer engines of the Charleston Fire Department, were built by "Agnew" of Philadelphia; four by "Hunnaman" of Boston, and one by "Stevens" of Baltimore. The capacity of the Philadelphia engine is 10 inch cylinder, 9 inch stroke. That of the Hunnaman engines from 5 to 7 inch cylinders, with 10 inch stroke. The Hunnaman engines (in the words of the Chief of the above department), are by far the most useful and best adapted for fires, having no upper handles, consequently the greater dispatch in getting them to work. The cost of one Hunnaman engine being about nine hundred dollars.

The city department, companies, unincorporated, is composed of ten Hunnaman engines, with from 5 1/2 to 7 inch cylinders, manned by negroes, and each company commanded by three white men. These engines are used as supplies to the volunteer incorporated companies. All of the above engines have reels with them, each carrying five hundred feet of hose. There is also, one hook and ladder truck, with the usual accommodations.

An annual parade of the volunteer incorporated companies, takes place on the 27th day of April, and if it should fall on a Sunday, the Tuesday following. An annual parade of the city companies for exercise and inspection by the officers of the department, takes place on the 15th of December, with the same proviso as the other if it should fall on Sunday. These parades are under the direction of the Board of Fire Masters.—At fires the Chief, carries a lantern at night, and a flag at day, to designate him his grade "Chief," being inscribed thereon. His assistants the same, the first with a blue lantern, the second with a red lantern, and the third with a yellow one, with their grades upon them—the flag used in the day time are of the same color as the lanterns. No person, under any circumstance, unless actually employed, is allowed to remain within the line of operations, and if persisted in, is taken to the station house—a cordon is drawn around every fire occurring.

There are in the lower wards of the city of Charleston, thirty-six wells or cisterns, for the use of the department, and twenty-eight in the upper wards. The Board of Fire Masters is composed of the Presidents of the Incorporated companies, and four other citizens, who have served at least five years in some unincorporated volunteer company, and are chosen by the Council, by ballot.

There is a "Fireman's Charitable Association," connected with the Department, consisting of any number of members. The qualifications for membership, "are an incorporated Fire Company," individual members of the same and any member of the department, who has served five years, and any resident; but none but active members of the department, or those who have served five years' hold office. An admission fee of one dollar is charged upon each individual becoming a member of the association, and the payment of fifty dollars constitutes a life member. The sum of one dollar annually is paid by every member of an incorporated company to the treasurer of the association and two dollars from each member other than those mentioned. The officers of the association consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, together with a Board of Trustees, composed of three members from each company attached to the association. The whole amount of expenditures for pensions and other charitable purposes are not allowed to exceed in any one year, two thirds of the estimated income of the association, over and above its current expenses, other than for charitable purposes.

Children of deceased members, who have been members for three years, are educated at the expense of the association, and until they are fifteen years of age. Some granted for temporary relief to members do not exceed in the aggregate, for any one individual, twenty-five dollars. The burial of members is also defrayed by the association. No member expelled from the department is entitled to relief, even if he should become attached to another company, unless his expulsion is rescinded by the company which expelled him.

## Philadelphia.

The Fire Department of Philadelphia has had several alterations made to its law of January 30th, 1855, which it is said will work advantageously to the department. In the new law the election of officers of the department is provided for as follows:

"The Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the Board of Directors of the Fire Department shall, at their stated meeting in August, 1856, and at the same time in every second year thereafter, make general nominations for a Chief Engineer of the said department, and shall cause a list of the nominations thus made to be forwarded immediately to each company represented in the said Board; and each of said companies shall, at a meeting thereof respectively, to be held on the second Monday in September following, vote for a Chief Engineer from the nominations thus made and furnished; and the President and Secretary of said companies, respectively, shall make out a certificate under their hands and seals, setting forth the name of the person receiving the highest vote in such company for Chief Engineer, which certificate they shall seal up and forward to the Board of Directors at their meeting to be held on the Tuesday evening following, at 8 o'clock; and the certificates thus received by the said Board shall be opened by the President thereof and read aloud; and the person having the highest number of companies shall be nominated to the Select Council for Chief Engineer, and if confirmed by the said Council he shall be the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department until his successor be duly appointed. That should any vacancy occur by death or rejection of any nominee, or otherwise, said vacancy shall be filled in the manner hereinbefore provided; or should the Board of Directors of the Fire Department and the Fire Companies neglect or refuse to make the nominations as herein provided, and return the same to Select Council for confirmation for the space of sixty days after the time herein provided, that then the Select and Common Councils shall in joint meeting proceed to elect the Chief and Assistant Engineers as provided by this ordinance. From and after the first day of September ensuing the passage hereof, the number of Assistant Engineers shall be five, and for each fire division as hereinafter constituted in lieu of the number provided in the ordinance, to which this is a supplement, who shall be elected and confirmed at the same time and in the same manner as is herein provided for the election of Chief Engineer, provided that the companies in each fire division shall elect the Assistant Engineer for the division in which they are respectively located."

After the passage of the law in which the above is incorporated, the city is to be divided into seven districts, to which the companies so located are to be strictly confined; none of the companies to be allowed to pass into any other district, except upon the requisition of the Chief or Assistant Engineers of the division, where the fire may occur. According to the law each hose company is compelled to carry eight hundred feet of serviceable hose. No fire company can receive any appropriation from the city, unless its apparatus is in perfect condition, and has performed or has been prepared to perform active service for at least nine months in each year.—The number of active members allowed each company, is, to Hose and Hook and Ladder companies, not to exceed thirty; Engine companies, fifty. Any company having a first class engine or a combined apparatus, may have not to exceed seventy-five members. After the 1st day of September next, the salary of the Chief Engineer is to be twelve hundred dollars per annum, and the Assistant Engineers, four hundred dollars each.

The list of members of fire companies, which the secretaries thereof are required by the law, to which we have referred, to furnish annually to the secretary of the Chief Engineer, are signed by the president of such company, and have the seal attached thereto, without other or further verification. Any company found guilty under the provision of the twentieth section of this law, may be suspended from service for such time as Councils may determine, or be dismissed from the Department. All fines and penalties collected by the Board of Directors from any company or companies, for disobedience of, or resistance to the rules and regulations adopted by the said Board, are to be paid over to the treasurer of the Association for the relief of disabled firemen. The power and authority conferred upon the Chief Engineer by this law, to inquire into the origin of fires and to collect the information therein directed, is, also, conferred upon the Secretary under the direction of the Chief Engineer. In the elections provided for, no person is entitled to vote in any company unless he has been a member at least two months prior to such election. The salary of the Secretary of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department is fixed at eight hundred dollars per annum, to date from the first day of January, 1856. The Chief Engineer and Assistants are required, in making their quarterly statements to Councils, to accompany it by an oath or affirmation setting forth the number, and at which of said fires the Chief and Assistants were respectively in attendance, and the causes of absence, if any.

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Very Respectfully,  
H. T. GRATACAP,  
FIRE CAP MAKER,  
143 GRAND STREET,  
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striking out of the Fire Department portion would endanger the passage of the entire Bill." The Department was in favor, if land schemes were not.

Article Fifth of the Consolidation Bill, relating to the Fire Department, as introduced originally in the bill, was not in its most essential points a copy of the Act of the Legislature, of April 30, 1855.

The passage of that law was for the purpose of freeing the Fire Department from the machinations of political charlatans, who, from time to time, might constitute the City authorities. One of the sections of article fifth threw the Department back into its original position, rendering it liable of being made to bear the burden of the caprice and political predilections of those in power.

It gave the Board of Supervisors the power of disbanding companies after having been passed upon by the Board of Delegates, instead of vesting the entire right in the latter body the very best adjudicators of such a matter. This circumstance was pointed out to Mr. Hawes, in forcible language by the writer of this, using as an argument to convince him of his error, that in the event of a company being disbanded by the Board of Delegates, upon sworn testimony, for violating the laws of the Department, and that company should have a preponderance of members of the political party in the majority in the Board of Supervisors, the latter would not endorse the disbandment, the company would be thrown back upon the Department, the Board of Delegates would not rescind its action, knowing it to be correct, and the result would be disturbance and a disorganization of the Department.

As for the reduction of salaries, the Department was willing they should be reduced, and at the first opportunity out of three thousand dollars per annum, from the amount heretofore received by its officers. Some of the reductions made by Mr. Hawes were a disgrace to him, or any other man proposing them; as, for instance, giving the Bell-ringers on the City Hall bell, if three were employed, \$41.66, per month, and if two, \$82.50, per month each; when it is a well-known fact that a person occupying the station of bell-ringer, to perform the duties honestly, cannot attend to any other business, and must be constantly on the look-out, night and day, in all weathers and seasons; for, on the promptness of the alarm by the bell-ringers, the safety of the City depends.

Mr. Hawes says that, "after this article was stricken out, I immediately requested Mr. George, who sat by my side, to get Messrs. Sharp and Lippincott to insert in its place the provisions which the latter had framed for the Fire Department, so that those provisions might take effect at the same moment with the rest of the Bill, if it should finally pass. Mr. George, in time for me that my suggestion was declined. Mr. Lippincott had already introduced his Bill for the regulation of the Fire Department, and repealing the law of 1855. The Bill passed both Houses, with certain amendments made in the Senate, which were concurred in by the House, on Saturday, and was afterwards enrolled and presented to the Governor, at a late hour on Monday, (the last day of the session,) as I am informed, when his Excellency had a large number of bills before him, all of which it was of course impossible for him to read. Had Mr. Lippincott's Bill, however, been presented, in time for examination, and been signed by the Governor, it would have left the Fire Department just where it is now, as the last section of it expressly provided that it should not take effect until December next, in order, I presume, that the slight reduction of some of the salaries, which it proposed, might not take effect upon the present incumbents."

Mr. Lippincott did right in not acceding to the wishes of Mr. Hawes, it was in opposition to the will of the entire Department so to do. The Bill presented by Mr. Lippincott did pass both Houses, and during its transit from chamber to chamber, several amendments, deleterious to its object, which, giving the unequal power to the Board of Delegates to audit all bills incurred for the expenses of the Department, was inserted, as we are informed, by Hon. W. J. Shaw of the Senate, more for the purpose of destroying the Bill, than assisting it in its passage. Neither Mr. Hawes, nor his friends, were favorable to the Fireman's Bill, after it was stricken from that of the Consolidation, and it was a matter of no concern to them, whether it was successful, or not. If Mr. Hawes did entertain so high an estimate of the Department, as he would have the community believe, and that he knew it would not be benefited by its passage, as its requirements did not take effect until Dec. 5th, why did he not, (even if it was a separate Bill from his own) point out the mistake that was being made, amending the Bill, so that it would take immediate effect, instead of looking on while it was slaughtered.

Mr. Hawes need not attempt to excuse Governor Johnson for not signing the Bill, ineffective as it might have been. He was well aware, that the Bill had been presented to the Legislature, and had been discussed. He received the Bill, twelve hours before the adjournment of the Legislature. The mere fact that both Houses had suspended business, did not signify they would transact no other. The fact of their transmitting a message to the Governor, that they await his commands, is evidence that he has the power to keep them together, until he has no further communication to make them. The friends of Governor Johnson say that he had not time to read the Bill, and say that, he before the adjournment of the Legislature, and at the same time, the Fireman of this City, have no better friend than himself. If that be so, why did he not evince his friendship for them, by communicating to both Houses, when asked if he had any other commands, that there was one Bill, affecting the interest of a body, in whose welfare he was concerned, and upon whom the preservation of the Empire City of the State, in a measure depended, which he wished to examine prior to signing, and to remain in session, for a short time for that purpose. But no, the Bill was pocketed, the Legislature adjourned, leaving the Fire Department of this City, after the 1st of July next, an illegal organization.

Considerable stress has been laid upon the fact that Governor Johnson was solicited through the columns of this Journal, to veto the Fire Department Bill, if it contained any other amendments than those proposed by the Board of Delegates. Such is the fact, by a resolution of the Board, April 8th, we had asked the wish of the Department, that the Bill should be adopted, as it originally passed that body, or, not at all, supposing at the time that the Department would still have the law of April 30, 1855, to rely upon; but when it was discovered that the law just alluded to, conflicted with the Consolidation Bill, then it was that the Fireman decided, through their Chief Engineer, to receive the Bill, let it contain what it might. This, however, does not relieve Governor Johnson, for he never read the Bill, to know whether it was the one wanted by the Fireman, or not. We shall have occasion to refer to this subject again, and it will be a matter of surprise to us, if the Board of Delegates, at its next

regular meeting, does not pass a resolution, inquiring of the entire San Francisco Delegation, in the Legislature, how it was, that the Fire Department was so sadly neglected?

### BOARD OF FOREMEN.

The Board of Foremen, met on Saturday evening April 25th, at 7 o'clock, in pursuance of adjournment.

Present, Messrs. Cole of No. 2, Whitney of No. 3, Spear of No. 5, Hossfoster of No. 6, Shaw of No. 7, Walsh of No. 8, Dove of No. 9. Absent, of No. 12, Worn of H. and L. 1, Cobb of H. and L. 2.

In consequence of the late hour at which the printed copy of the Consolidation Bill was received, the committee appointed to investigate its influence upon the workings of the Department were unable to report.

Whereupon on motion, the Board adjourned until Thursday evening next, May 1st, to hear the reports of the committee.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1, 1856.

TO THE BOARD OF FOREMEN OF THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT.—Gentlemen:—The undersigned committee appointed by your body to report upon the position of the Fire Department under the provisions of the Consolidation Bill, beg leave to submit the following:—

That in their opinion the police organization of the Department is not affected in any way, as by the following clauses in the Consolidation Bill, all the laws under which the Fire Department is now working, are continued and vested in the action of the Board of Supervisors, appointed and elected under that Bill. By reference to said Bill, you will find the clauses alluded to, on page 24, section 73, subdivision 17—the Board of Supervisors are authorized to direct and control the Fire Department of the city and county of San Francisco, in conformity with the laws, page 24, section 83, line 6th, the term law or laws, as used in this act, is never to be understood as applicable to any regulation of the Board of Education, Board of Supervisors, or of the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department; but only as applicable to the Constitution, made and adopted by the Legislature, in pursuance thereof.

Page 24, section 94, subdivision 14, "expenditures not exceeding the total amount of eight thousand dollars, exclusive of salaries during any fiscal year."

DAVID SCANNELL, } Committee.  
GEO. H. HOSFOSTER, }  
GEO. A. WORN, }

THURSDAY EVENING, May 1, 1856.  
The Board met in pursuance of adjournment. Present—Messrs. Scannel of 1, Whitney of 3, Spear of 5, Hossfoster of 6, B.ves of 9, Hayes of 13, Worn of H. and L. 1, and Adrain of H. and L. 3. There being no quorum, the Board adjourned until Friday evening, May 2, at 7 o'clock.

At a meeting of the Board of Officers of the 1st Infantry Battalion, held Wednesday evening, April 30, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, the insurmountable wisdom of providence in removing from our midst, our companion in arms, Surgeon S. B. MILLS, has deprived us of the society and services of one whose manliness of character and courtesy of manners, won for him the confidence and esteem of those with whom he was associated, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Surgeon S. B. MILLS, of the San Francisco Blues, we mournfully feel the loss of a faithful and efficient officer, a warm and devoted friend and a loyal and gallant gentleman, the recollection of whose many good qualities, both of the head and heart, will ever live in our "bright remembrance."

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his afflicted widow and relatives in the loss of him, who in the several relations of life, brought qualities of devotion, integrity and fidelity to the discharge of his duties.

Resolved, That the usual badge of mourning be worn for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be sent to the widow of the deceased, and be published in the daily journals of the city.

J. R. WEST, Chairman.  
J. J. HOFF, Secy.

HEAD QUARTERS, }  
1st INFANTRY BATTALION, }

A special meeting of the Board of Officers will be held at the room of the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department, city hall, on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., at half past seven o'clock, to receive the report of the Committee on Armory.

J. J. HOFF, Secretary.  
SAN FRANCISCO, May 3, 1856.

SAN FRANCISCO BLUES.—The display made by this corps, on the recent occasion of the funeral of Dr. S. B. Mills, lead Surgeon of the company, was extremely creditable, and every member of the Blues can justly feel proud of their thorough military discipline and appearance.

Their Commander, Captain Farran, although new to his present position, has as soon as he could become acquainted to the responsibilities of command, he will exercise the energy necessary to maintain the Blues, in the proud position which they occupy, under Capt. Gorham, who in the crack infantry company of this City. For some reasons, we are not apprised of, there has recently been a lack of spirit manifested in this company; but it would be very much to be regretted, by all those who take an interest in military affairs, should they be outstripped by younger associations, and the duty devolves upon their Commander, and every member of the corps, to continue their worthy position, as the Grenadiers of the 1st Infantry Battalion.

CISTERN.—There are, at the present time, fifty-six cisterns, located in various portions of the city. 88 of brick, 13 of wood, and 7 of cement—capable of holding 1,704,000 gallons of water; added to which, a tank, situated in Minna street, between First and Second streets, contains 10,000 gallons, and the tanks on Market street, near Second, 40,000 gallons, making the available quantity of water reach 1,764,000 gallons.

THE SUN.—From the manner in which the "Sun" of the 1st inst. in its issue of last Monday, granted over our article on the Howard Co., it must have been evident to all who perused the Sun's article, that the words of the "good book" were most truthfully exemplified as to the utter uselessness of throwing the ground upon which porcupine animals tramp, with the transparent products of the waters which surround the Isles of the Pacific.

NEW HOSE.—The Chief Engineer in his report recommends the purchase of new hose for the use of the Fire Department. There is not at the present time one thousand feet of really sound hose on the reels for the different engines in the organization.

The Military.  
IV.  
In the preceding articles under the above head, some reasons were urged going to show the necessity of a military organization upon the shore of the Pacific. I now propose to give some additional facts to give weight to the proposition.—California, as a State, is almost separated from the remainder of the confederacy, for when we take into consideration, the fact, that for two thousand miles of space intervening between us and the valley of the Mississippi, we have no population, save at "Salt Lake," and the entire route infested with the worst Indian tribes—we may well set down that we are separated from intercourse with our sister States of Confederacy. Now, should the country become involved in a war with a foreign power, would there not be a positive danger to our acquisitions upon the Pacific, owing to our exposed position, and that before the general government could act in the matter? Most certainly there would, for the question would suggest itself, through what channels are we to convey troops or munitions of war? Should we adopt the route by sea, either by way of the two Isthmus, or by Cape Horn, all of these are open to objections which have considerable weight.

For instance, should we adopt the route by way of the Isthmus, we would be obliged to pass through a foreign country, and while by a treaty we could have such a privilege—yet without a treaty, it would be a breach of the laws of nations, which might subject us to more disadvantages, than the benefits to result from such a course. And even conceding that a treaty existed for the conveyance of troops and material in this way, what security have we of the good faith of treaties thus made, being kept by the governments south of us. Countries whose governments change sometimes, and which are rent by revolution and disorder, so that one of the opposing parties in such contests might deliver us over as an easy prey into the hands of the enemy.

But it may be said cannot, we transmit the necessary force for the protection of our territories by way of Cape Horn. This true that such means are within our power, but here much greater objections are to be met with. In the first place, we must take into consideration the length of sea voyage of four months; secondly, the cost of shipping and unshipping; thirdly, the inconvenience to men and animals, of being stowed away on a shipboard, and the loss by sickness and death consequent thereon, and lastly, by the chances of our vessels being out at sea, and we will not only be at a disadvantage, but it will be very costly and inconvenient, and impracticable.

It may be asked by some, what occasion have we to use either route by sea, when we have a land route between us and the Mississippi valley, the purchase and acquisition by the enterprise of the nation, and over which the hardy pioneer has paved the path of our empire. It is true, we have a land route through interminable forests, which the rays of sun light are not permitted to pierce, deserts, which as far back as the eye can reach are void of vegetation, and where the traveler may die of thirst. Rapid streams and rivers which in many seasons of the year are impassable, and to add to all this, is not the country for the space of two thousand miles the haunt of savage tribes of men. And what practicability is there here, for the transmission of troops or material. The defenceless inhabitants of California might well complain of the neglect of the Federal Government towards them. They might well say, that while we have through unparalleled hardships and privation pushed our way onward to the shores of the Pacific to be the founders of your Empire here, while we have added to your national wealth and greatness, while we have extended your arts, civilization and commerce, and stood upon the golden and spice-burthened shores of India, China, and Japan inviting their commercial intercourse with us. You have impeded our progress and your own advancement, by your not uniting with an iron bond, the boundaries of the continent, and bringing us in closer union with our friends, our families, our sister States.

The route by way of the plains, for either troops or munitions of war is almost impracticable, and if practicable, it is a journey of four or five months.

Hence, arises the necessity for a Pacific rail road, for the purpose of the protection of the countries bordering upon the Pacific, the transmission of troops, for its defence, and the security of its inhabitants, and last, though not least for opening up settlements between us and the Mississippi valley, where the overcrowded population of the older states, would have afforded them opportunities for enriching themselves, securing a competency for their families, benefiting their country, and developing its vast mineral and agricultural resources.

But, until this rail road is built, we want for our protection upon this coast a military organization. If we were obliged to be long depending upon our own resources, and were refused aid from the general government, ought it not to teach us a lesson that if we are to depend upon ourselves that we had better commence at once, and by perfecting our militia in drill, in discipline, in military service, by the establishment of a military institution upon the Pacific, and by demanding from the general government our quota of arms which has so long been withheld from us—then when the emergency arises, should it ever arise, for their strength and valor to be shown. We warrant that the glorious achievement of their arms will shed a lustre over the national escutcheon and prove that in the State Militia, will the citizens ever find protection from domestic or foreign foes and that they will stand by the constitution and law, and see that no impious hand shall ever be raised to destroy the principles of the one or the efficacy of the other.

JURISCONSULT.  
LAFAYETTE COMPANY.—The members of the Lafayette Hook and Ladder Company are making preparations for a grand parade and dinner, on the 1st of June next, it being the anniversary of their organization.

Fires and Alarms for the week.  
April 30, 12 1/2 A. M., alarm from Vigilant bell—a portion of the Department ran up town, and a portion down town. No fire found, no damage done.

PUR. DOC.—We are in receipt of valuable public documents, from Washington, for which we are indebted to Hon. John B. Weller, of the Senate, and Hon. P. T. Herbert, of the House.

THE OUTSIDE.—On the outside, our readers will find some very valuable information respecting the Fire Department of this city, in its independence. Also of the Charleston, S. C., and Philadelphia Fire Departments.

St. Francis Truck House, April 30, 1856.  
At a meeting of St. Francis Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, the following was unanimously adopted, and ordered published:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst, by the hand of Death, AUGUSTUS SCHNEIDER, long associated with us as a brother and a friend, be it, therefore,

Resolved, That while we submit and resign to the decree of an All-Wise Providence, we deeply deplore the loss of our beloved companion.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the relatives and friends of the deceased, and will ever hold the remembrance of his many virtues in our own hearts.

Resolved, That the usual badge of mourning be worn by the members of this company for thirty days.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES.  
JACOB EZEKIEL, Secretary.

BATTALION DRILL.—In accordance with the order of Lieut.-Colonel West, the City Guard, and National Guard, paraded on Tuesday evening, for drill, in fatigue dress, with side-arms. After marching through several of the streets, the companies halted on Bush street, where Col. West put them through the manual, and after stacking put them, were dismissed, for a short time. On re-forming, the companies proceeded to Second st., near Minna, where they went through battalion evolutions, very satisfactorily, returning to their armories, about 12 o'clock. We noticed that the companies were not escorted by martial music, and we regret it, as we think a drum and fife would have been a far more appropriate accompaniment, than the singing indulged in by them on returning home.

THE INSANE ASYLUM.—Is is greatly to be regretted that Governor Johnson has seen fit to remove Drs. Reid and Cowan from the Insane Asylum at Stockton, and appoint entire strangers to the patients, in their place. We consider it nothing more nor less than an act of cruelty to the unfortunate, who are compelled to make that institution their abode. We visited the State Insane Asylum in July last, and was deeply impressed with the great cleanliness and good order pervading every portion of the building. It appeared to us that Dr. Reid had perfect control over the unhappy inmates of the asylum and the most idiotic, would on his approach give some expression that his face and kindness were familiar. We expressed the opinion then, that the position of those in authority, should never be made subject to any change, consequent upon any political rise or downfall. In this case it has proved fallacious.

SAN FRANCISCO HALL.—In spite of the inclemency of the weather, and the attractions elsewhere, the Minstrels have had well filled houses. Horn's benefit on Monday was immense, the house was crowded in every portion. To night, Mr. Hooley, the Treasurer of the Troupe, puts his name up for a "first benefit." The performances will be of a spirited and a laughable nature, and given in the artistic style which distinguishes the Minstrels, cannot fail to make Mr. H., a favorable return.

NEW YORK.  
The election for the Assistant Engineers of the New York Fire Department, took place in that city on the 20th of March, the greatest excitement attending the affair. Seven of the members of the old Board, who were candidates were re-elected. The following is the result:

John Baugh,	1811 votes
Eliza Kingsland,	1800 "
John A. Ogden,	1784 "
Henry H. Howard,	1740 "
Edward W. Jacobs,	1715 "
Noah L. Farnham,	1678 "
John Decker,	1616 "
Patric M. Conwell,	1569 "
Timothy L. West,	1518 "
James F. Weeman,	1464 "
G. J. Ruch,	1338 "
Julian Bots,	1282 "
Charles Miller,	1190 "
John Brice,	1186 "
Isaac Seixas,	1106 "
Charles L. Kent,	994 "
Thomas Leary,	691 "
James Masterson,	600 "

The votes of Engine Co 20, and Hose Company 40, were thrown out—the vote of the latter company, however, was afterwards received.

NATIONAL GUARD.—The regular monthly meeting of this corps, will be held on Tuesday evening next, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

THE RIGHT OF ALIENS TO VOTE.—A letter has been received from Attorney General Wallace, to the effect that a member of the Fire Department, though not a citizen of the United States, is entitled to a vote for officers of the Department. This effectually settles all doubt, as to the right of the Lafayette Company to that privilege.

BROOKLYN.—The Brooklyn Common Council, by a very decided vote on the 17th March, resolved to unlock the houses of Engine Companies 3, 4, 5, and 7, and restore the engines to the respective Companies, which have been locked up since July and August last.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.  
MANHATTAN No. 2.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your company will be held on Monday Evening next, May 5, at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order, T. F. KERRIGAN, Secy.

HOWARD No. 3.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your company will be held on Wednesday Evening next, May 7, at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order, PLINY M. WITNEY, Secretary.

CALIFORNIA No. 4.—The Regular monthly meeting of your company will be held on this (Saturday) evening May 3, at 7 1/2 o'clock, at the new engine house. By order, ADAM T. GREEN, Secretary.

KNICKERBOCKER No. 5.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your company will be held on Monday Evening May 5, at 8 o'clock precisely. By order, WM. BROADHURST, Secretary.

MONUMENTAL Co. No. 6.—The Regular Monthly meeting of your company will be held on Tuesday evening, May 6 at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order, CHAS. M. CHASE, Secretary.

VOLUNTEER No. 7.—A Special Meeting of your company will be held on Monday evening next, May 5, at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order, GEORGE A. DAVIS, Secretary.

PACIFIC No. 8.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your company will be held on Wednesday evening next, May 7, at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order, WM. SPECKELS, Secretary.

CRESCENT No. 10.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your company will be held on Monday evening next, May 5, at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order, E. B. MAC GROTTRY, Secy.

COLUMBIAN No. 11.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your company will be held on Wednesday evening next, May 7, at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order, W. H. BRENNAN, Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA No. 13.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your company will be held on Wednesday evening next, May 7, at 7 o'clock. By order, JAMES S. THOMSON, Secretary.

TIGER No. 14.—The Regular monthly meeting of this company will be held at the engine house on Monday evening next, May 5, at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order, J. SEWALL REED, Secretary.

ST. FRANCIS H. & L. 1.—The Regular Monthly meeting of your company will be held on Wednesday evening next, May 7, at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order, JACOB EZEKIEL, Secretary.

LAFAYETTE H. & L. No. 2.—The Regular Monthly Meeting of your company will be held on Tuesday Evening next, May 6, at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order, MITCHELL, Secretary.

SANSOME H. & L. No. 3.—The Regular Monthly meeting of this company, will be held on Tuesday evening next, May 6, at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order, THO. D. GREENE, Sec. & Treas.







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County of San Francisco, ss—William B. Little, being

daily sworn, deposes and says—That he is a Druggist, and

doing business in the city of San Francisco, under the

name and style of Little & Co., that on the 30th day of

December, 1854, for good and valuable consideration, Dr.

Wm. Devine, who was then in the city of San Francisco,

sold to him the recipe, and instructed him in the art of

manufacturing the Lozenges known as Dr. Devine's

Compound Pitch Lozenges, and that the articles he has sold as

Dr. Devine's Compound Pitch Lozenges, are the genuine

Compound Pitch Lozenges prepared according to the re-

cipe so sold and made known to him by said Dr. Wm. De-

vine, and dependent further says that the said Dr. Wm. De-

vine authorized and appointed him sole agent of said

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Sworn to before me, this 21st day of January, 1855.

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